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Proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001

Programme 2. Peacekeeping operations

1. The preparation, format and content of the medium-term plan and its revisions are governed by the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation.

2. Regulation 3.11 provides, *inter alia*, that the medium-term plan shall be revised as necessary every two years to incorporate required programme changes and that the proposed revisions shall be as detailed as required to incorporate the programme implications of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the intergovernmental organs or international conferences since the adoption of the plan.

3. The revisions proposed below modify paragraphs 2.4 and 2.18 of programme 2, Peacekeeping operations, of the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001, which was adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 51/219 of 18 December 1996 and issued in document A/51/6/Rev.1 and Corr.1.

4. The revisions proposed to programme 2 reflect actions taken by the General Assembly in its resolutions 52/12 B of 19 December and 52/220 of 22 December 1997. Consultations were carried out with the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations during its substantive session in 1998.

A. Programme

Paragraph 2.4

Replace the first sentence with the following:

"The legislative authority for the programme derives from the principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations, as well as General Assembly resolutions on the comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects, the most recent of which is resolution 51/136; on the administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations, the most recent of which is resolution

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51/218; and on assistance in mine clearance, the most recent of which is resolution 52/173."

B. Subprogrammes

Subprogramme 2.4 Planning

Paragraph 2.18 In the first sentence, *replace* "demining" with "mine action".

Paragraph 2.21 After paragraph 2.21, *add* a new paragraph 2.22 as follows:

"2.22 Another objective of the subprogramme will be to ensure an effective, proactive and coordinated United Nations response to landmine contamination. This will be achieved through, *inter alia*, the establishment of a coherent and constructive dialogue with the international community at large on the mine issue; the collection, analysis and dissemination of mine-related information, including information on technology; the maintenance and promotion of technical and safety standards; advocacy in support of a global ban on landmines; and the development and implementation of a comprehensive resource mobilization strategy."

C. Legislative mandates

Subprogramme 2.1 Executive direction and policy

Replace General Assembly resolutions 49/233 and 50/30 with 51/136 and 51/218

Add the following resolution:

52/173 Assistance in mine clearance

Subprogramme 2.2 Operations

Replace General Assembly resolutions 50/30 and 50/221 with 51/136 and 51/239 A and B

Subprogramme 2.3 Field administration and logistics support

Replace General Assembly resolutions 50/30 and 50/221 with 51/136 and 51/239 A and B

Subprogramme 2.4 Planning

Replace General Assembly resolutions 50/30 and 50/221 with 51/136 and 51/218

Add the following resolution:

52/173 Assistance in mine clearance